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USSR TERRITORIAL-ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (13)

[Comment: The following territorial-administrative changes were reported in the Soviet daily press and in Vedomosti Verkhovnogo Soveta SSSR primarily during March and April 1956. The dates of the ukases are given when available.

Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

AZERBAIDZHAN SSR

By a 2 April 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Azerbaydzhan SSR, Dastafurskiy Rayon was renamed Dashkesanskiy Rayon. (1)

KARELO-FINNISH SSR

By a 30 January 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Karelo-Finnish SSR, Sheltozerskiy Rayon was abolished and its territory added to Priozhskiy Rayon. (2)

With the object of reducing the size and cost of the territorial-administrative apparatus of the republic, the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Karelo-Finnish SSR adopted ukases abolishing Vedlozerskiy and Segozerskiy rayons. The territory of Vedlozerskiy Rayon was added to Priyazhinskiy Rayon, and that of Segozerskiy Rayon to Medvezh'yegorskiy Rayon, Karelo-Finnish SSR. (3)

KAZAKH SSR

By ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, the workers' settlements Kantagi and Mirgalimsay, Turkestanskiy Rayon, were merged into a city, Kentau. (4)

By a 29 February 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, Oktyabr'skiy Settlement was the name given to the central farmstead settlement of the grain sovkhoz "Zheleznodorozhnyy," the administrative center of Oktyabr'skiy Rayon, Kustanayskaya Oblast.

By a 2 March 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, Sar-tyubinskiy and Novo-Pokrovskiy village soviets, Sarkandskiy Rayon, Taldy-Kurganskaya Oblast, were merged into Novo-Pokrovskiy Village Soviet.

By a 2 March 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, the territory comprising the kolkhoz "Tut' k Svetu" was transferred from Oktyabr'skiy Village Soviet, Chistopol'skiy Rayon, Tatarskaya ASSR, to Ruzayevskiy Village Soviet, Ruzayevskiy Rayon, Kokchetavskaya Oblast. The center of Oktyabr'skiy Village Soviet, Chistopol'skiy Rayon, was transferred from the village of Zolotonosh to the village of Berislavka. (5)

By a 6 March 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, Tagylinskiy and Ak-Koyanskiy aul (village) soviets, Chetskiy Rayon, Karagandin-skaya Oblast were merged into the Tagylinskiy Aul Soviet.

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By a 9 March 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, a settlement soviet was established with the rights of a village soviet in the Bugun' Settlement at the site of the Arys'-Turkestan'skiy Canal, Arys'skiy Rayon, Yuzhno-Kazakhstanskaya Oblast, and was named Bugun'skiy Settlement Soviet.

By a 9 March 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, a settlement soviet was established with the rights of a village soviet in the central farmstead settlement of the grain sovkhoz imeni Lomonosov, Mendygarskiy Rayon, Kustanayskaya Oblast, and was named Lomonosovskiy Settlement Soviet. The territory of the kolkhoz imeni Frunze, Karakuginskiy Aul Soviet, and of the kolkhoz imeni 70-letiya Stalina, Dolbushinskiy Village Soviet, was added to Lomonosovskiy Settlement Soviet. (6)

By a 27 March 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, Anrakhayskiy Settlement Soviet was formed in the central farmstead settlement of Krasnogorskiy Grain Sovkhoz, Krasnogorskiy Rayon, Dzhambul'skaya Oblast, and given the rights of a village soviet. The populated points of the railroad station, Anrakhay, and sidings No 82 and 83, were added to Anrakhayskiy Settlement Soviet.

By a 27 March 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, Shoytykul'skiy Aul Soviet was established in Kuvksiy Rayon, Karagandinskaya Oblast, with its center in Shoytykul' Aul. The populated points of the kolkhoz imeni Lenin, Sharyktinskiy Aul Soviet, were included under its jurisdiction. The center of Sharyktinskiy Aul Soviet was transferred from Sharpykta Aul to Ayir Aul.

By a 27 March 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, the populated point Vostochno-Kounradskiy Iron Ore Mine, Karagandinskaya Oblast, was designated a workers' settlement and renamed Vostochno-Kounradskiy Workers' Settlement. The populated point Klyuchiki was placed under the jurisdiction of Vostochno-Kounradskiy Workers' Settlement. Vostochno-Kounradskiy Workers' Settlement Soviet was subordinated to the Balkhashskiy City Soviet.

By a 27 March 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, Leninskiy and Kokchetavskiy aul soviets, Markaralinskiy Rayon, Karagandinskaya Oblast, were merged into a single Leninskiy Aul Soviet with its center in the populated point Moldakhan. (7)

By a 27 April 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, Frunzenskiy and Turkestan'skiy rayons, Yuzhno-Kazakhstanskaya Oblast, were merged into a single Turkestan'skiy Rayon.

By a 27 April 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, Kzyl-Kumskiy and Kirovskiy rayons, Yuzhno-Kazakhstanskaya Oblast, were merged into a single Kirovskiy Rayon.

By a 27 April 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, the populated point Kurgasynskiy Iron Ore Mine, Ulutauskiy Rayon, Karagandinskaya Oblast, was classified a workers' settlement and renamed Kurgasyn.

By a 27 April 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, the populated point at the Sary-Shagan railway station was reclassified a workers' settlement. Sary-Shaganskiy Village Soviet was reorganized into Sary-Shaganskiy Settlement Soviet, Balkhashskiy City Soviet, Karagandinskaya Oblast. The populated points at the railway stations Kara-Zhingil and Mauly and sidings No 97 and 110 were placed under the administration of Sary-Shaganskiy Settlement Soviet.

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By a 27 April 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, the following changes were made in the territorial-administrative division of Karakamysskiy Aul and Makar'yevskiy Village Soviets, Presnogor'kovskiy Rayon, Kustanayskaya Oblast: Sabit Aul was transferred from Karakamysskiy Aul Soviet to Makar'yevskiy Village Soviet; the center of Makar'yevskiy Village Soviet was transferred from the village of Makar'yevka to that of Chapayevko; and Makar'yevskiy Village Soviet was renamed Chapayevskiy Village Soviet.

By a 27 April 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, partial changes were made in the boundaries of Bulayevskiy, Sovetskii, Priishimskiy, Presnovskiy, and Oktyabr'skiy rayons, Severo-Kazakhs'anskaya Oblast. The land detached from parts of the sovkhoz "Lesnye Polyany," oblast office of Zhetysay, and from the Selektinskiy State Land Reserves, totaling 14,824 hectares, was transferred from Sovetskii Rayon to Bulayevskiy Rayon; the territory of the former kolkhoz "Kzyl Zhulduz," an area of 4,249 hectares, was transferred from Priishimskiy Rayon to Sovetskii Rayon, making the populated point Kzyl Zhulduz subordinate to Kokterekskiy Village Soviet, Sovetskii Rayon; and a plot of the Oktyabr'skiy State Land Reserves, 17,846 hectares in size, was transferred from Oktyabr'skiy Rayon to Presnovskiy Rayon. (3)

LATVIAN SSR

By a 30 March 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Latvian SSR, it was decided to abolish Apskiy Rayon, adding its territory with the exception of Gauiyenskiy and Virehskiy village Soviets to Aluksnenskiy Rayon; to add Gauiyenskiy and Virehskiy village Soviets to Smiltenskiy Rayon; to abolish Varakl'skiy Rayon, adding its territory with the exception of Burkavskiy and Meyran'skiy village Soviets to Vilyanskiy Rayon; to add Burkavskiy and Meyran'skiy village Soviets to Madonskiy Rayon; to abolish Dundag'skiy Rayon, adding its territory with the exception of Antskiy Village Soviet to Talsinskiy Rayon; and to add Antskiy Village Soviet to Ventpils'skiy Rayon. (2)

LITHUANIAN SSR

By a 2 April 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Lithuanian SSR, the populated points Ekherelis, Kaunas'skiy Rayon, and Rudupe, Rokishskiy Rayon, were classified as workers' settlements in connection with the industrial development of the peat enterprise "Ekherelis" and the worsted mill "Memunas." In connection with this reclassification, the Ekherelis village Soviet was abolished. (10)

MOLDAVIAN SSR

In connection with the consolidation of a number of kolkhozes in Bul'bok'skiy, Kalarashskiy, Lazovskiy, Nisporenskiy, and Orgeyevskiy rayons, the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Moldavian SSR abolished the following village Soviets: Botnaresh'tskiy Village Soviet, Bul'bok'skiy Rayon, transferring its territory to Staro-Kobus'skiy Village Soviet; Paulech'skiy Village Soviet, Kalarashskiy Rayon, transferring its territory to Nishkhan'skiy Village Soviet; Staro-Tsur'skiy, Zgordesh'tskiy, and Bursuchenskiy village Soviets, Lazovskiy Rayon, transferring their territory to Lazovskiy, Nishkhan'skiy, and Koshkodenskiy village Soviets, respectively; Bratulenskiy and Krivonozh'skiy village Soviets, Nisporenskiy Rayon, transferring their territory to Boldureshtskiy and Yurchenskiy village Soviets, respectively; Selisht'skiy, Yurchenskiy, and Bologanskiy village Soviets, Orgeyevskiy Rayon, transferring their territory to Slobodskiy, Ivanchskiy, and Lazovskiy village Soviets, respectively. (11)

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V. M. Suslov, First Secretary of the Krasnodarskiy Kray Party Committee and recently elected member of the Central Committee CPSU, referred to simplification of the territorial-administrative organization within the kray in a speech delivered at the 20th Party Congress on 17 February 1956. "We in [Krasnodarskiy] Kray have brought about the amalgamation of rural and urban rayons, the number of which has decreased by 29. Solely as a result of this measure, the number of administrative and managerial personnel has been reduced by 2,075.... Not only have matters not become worse as a result, but they have improved considerably. This may be demonstrated by the example of Yelskovskiy Rayon, which was formed from two rayons." (12)

By a 16 February 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet RSFSR, the populated point Kokoshkino, Kars-Pominskiy Rayon, was classified a suburban settlement including Kokoshkino and Tolstopal'nyye settlements, and Saniya Khutor (farm). (13)

By a 16 February 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet RSFSR, Serginskiy Village Soviet was transferred from Tselulinnitskiy Rayon, Kirovskaya Oblast, to Karsovskiy Rayon, Udmurtskaya ASSR. (2)

By a 15 March 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet RSFSR, the city Kushva, Kushvinskiy Rayon, Udmurtskaya Oblast was declared a city of oblast subordination.

By ukases of 15 March 1956 the following territorial-administrative areas were abolished: Kushvinskiy Rayon, Udmurtskaya Oblast, transferring its territory to the administrative subordination of Kuchinskii City Soviet of Workers' Deputies; Tel'chinskiy and Sudzhenskii rayons, Udmurtskaya Oblast, transferring their territory to Krasniy and Novo-Krasnyy Rayons, respectively; and Krasnoyarskiy Rayon, Severo-Kavkazskiy ASSR, transferring its territory to Pravoberezhnyy and Kosta-Khuzarskiy rayons. (14)

By a 28 March 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet RSFSR, Alashkovskiy Village Soviet was transferred from Ussuriyskiy Rayon to the urban zone of Stuzino, a city in Khabarovskaya Oblast. (15)

By a 5 April 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet RSFSR, the following rayons of Igarka-Khaya Oblast were abolished: Bol'sho-Karovinskiy, transferring its territory to Kakharovskiy and Spinskii rayons, Ekimskiy, transferring its territory to Sharenkilevskiy Rayon; Sheltudinskiy, transferring its territory to Shchelinskiy and Kuznetskiy rayons; Konotchevskiy, transferring its territory to Shchelinskiy Rayon; Mervinskiy, transferring its territory to Ryazanskiy Rayon; Muravlyanskiy, transferring its territory to Saratovskiy Rayon; Otktyabr'skiy, transferring its territory to Mikhaylovskiy Rayon; Semionovskiy, transferring its territory to Korablinskiy Rayon; and, Sheludkovskiy, transferring its territory to Spasskiy and Shilovskiy rayons.

By ukases of 5 April 1956, the Presidium, Supreme Soviet RSFSR abolished the following rayons: Kuznetsovskiy Rayon, Astrakhanskaya Oblast, transferring its territory to Vladimirovskiy Rayon; Oskashinskiy Rayon, Novosibirskaya Oblast, transferring its territory to Bolotinskiy, Moskovskiy, and Teguchinskiy rayons.

By a 5 April 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet RSFSR, Otktyabr'skiy and Tsentral'nyy rayons in the city of Kalinin, Kalininskaya Oblast, were abolished and their territory transferred to Proletarskiy and Novo-Przemyslenny rayons, respectively.

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By a 5 April 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet RSFSR, Mikoyanovskiy and Stalinskiy rayons in the city of Astrakhan, Astrakhanskaya Oblast, were abolished and their territory transferred to Leninskiy and Kirovskiy rayons, respectively. (1)

By a 20 April 1956 ukase, the Presidium, Supreme Soviet USSR confirmed the boundary change decreed by the presidiums of the Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR and the Supreme Soviet RSFSR, which proposed to transfer the southern portion of Dzhanibekskiy Rayon, Zapadno-Kazakhstanskaya Oblast, Kazakh SSR, to Vladimirovskiy Rayon, Astrakhanskaya Oblast, RSFSR, on the basis of Article 14, Point E of the USSR Constitution. A description of the boundaries between Kazakh SSR and RSFSR according to the decrees of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR on 13 December 1955 and of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet RSFSR on 7 March 1956 establishes the following boundary between the two union republics: The new boundary line runs along the open steppe region beginning at a point situated one kilometer southeast of siding No 400 of the Saratov-Astrakhan' Railroad; it runs southeast for a distance of 11.4 kilometers and reaches the turning point of the present boundary, which is 1.7 kilometers northwest of Lake Turgay; then the present boundary line is followed to a spot 0.4 kilometer southeast of the eastern extremity of Lake Turgay, whence the boundary runs southeast for a distance of 14.5 kilometers across the southern portion of the dry estuary of Lake Akbidayek to one kilometer south of Sarbasta Aul and 0.5 kilometer south of the Tanka Ruins; then, running to a point 2 kilometers southeast of the Tanka Ruins, it swings southwest and emerges at the juncture of the present boundary lines of Zapadno-Kazakhstanskaya, Gur'yevskaya, and Astrakhanskaya oblasts. (15)

TURKMEN SSR

By a 2 March 1956 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Turkmen SSR, Kizil-Imam Village Soviet and the village soviet imeni Kuybyshev, Kara-Kalinskiy Rayon, Ashkhabadskaya Oblast, were merged into a single village soviet imeni Kuybyshev. (16)

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